

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of facilitating the design and installation of a custom home networking system within a home to be constructed by a builder, the method comprising:

obtaining information from floor plans for the home;

5 designing a home networking system infrastructure for the home using information obtained from the floor plans, wherein the home networking system infrastructure comprises a plurality of communications cables that extend from a network connection center to be located within the home and that terminate at respective outlets or devices to be located in one or more rooms of the home, and wherein the home networking system infrastructure is configured to support various home networking system options;

10 producing a work book that comprises a description of various home networking system options that are supported by the home networking system infrastructure, wherein home networking system options comprise telecommunications options, and/or entertainment options, and/or security options; and

15 allowing a user to select home networking system options from the workbook to produce a custom home networking system for the home.

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2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein obtaining information from the floor plans comprises obtaining objective and subjective information about the home, wherein subjective information comprises information interpreted by the intermediary as being relevant to a custom home networking system for the home, and wherein objective information comprises information associated with measurable, physical parameters in the floor plans.

3. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the workbook further comprises a set of low voltage wiring diagrams for the home, wherein the set of low voltage wiring diagrams identifies a location

5 of a network connection center and locations and types of outlets and devices in the home networking system infrastructure.

4. The method according to Claim 3, wherein the workbook further comprises a price list for the available home networking system options described therewithin.

5. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising providing the builder with cost information associated with installing the custom home networking system.

6. The method according to Claim 1, wherein providing the builder with cost information comprises providing the builder with a bill of materials and a price list for the custom home networking system.

7. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising integrating a schedule for installing the custom home networking system into the builder's construction schedule for the home.

8. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising monitoring installation of the custom home networking system for the home.

9. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising facilitating the activation of components and/or services of the custom home networking system after installation thereof.

10. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising providing the user with an owner's manual for the custom home networking system that provides operational information about the custom home networking system.

11. A method of facilitating the design of a custom home networking system for a home, comprising:

obtaining information from floor plans for the home;

5 designing a home networking system infrastructure for the
home using information obtained from the floor plans, wherein the home
networking system infrastructure comprises a plurality of communications
cables that extend from a network connection center to be located within
the home and that terminate at respective outlets or devices to be located
in one or more rooms of the home, and wherein the home networking
10 system infrastructure is configured to support various home networking
system options;

producing a work book that comprises a description of various home networking system options that are supported by the home networking system infrastructure, wherein home networking system options comprise telecommunications options, and/or entertainment options, and/or security options; and

allowing a user to select home networking system options from the workbook to produce a custom home networking system for the home.

12. The method according to Claim 11, wherein obtaining information from the floor plans comprises obtaining objective and subjective information about the home, wherein subjective information comprises information interpreted by the intermediary as being relevant to a custom home networking system for the home, and wherein objective information comprises information associated with measurable, physical parameters in the floor plans.

13. The method according to Claim 11, wherein the
workbook further comprises a set of low voltage wiring diagrams for the
home, wherein the set of low voltage wiring diagrams identifies a location
of a network connection center and locations and types of outlets and
devices in the home networking system infrastructure.

14. The method according to Claim 13, wherein the workbook further comprises a price list for the available home networking system options described therewithin.

15. The method according to Claim 11, further comprising facilitating the activation of components and/or services of the custom home networking system after installation thereof.

16. The method according to Claim 11, further comprising providing the user with an owner's manual for the custom home networking system that provides operational information about the custom home networking system.